

Important NPI Information for Pharmacy Providers

Starting May 29, 2007, Idaho Medicaid will accept a National Provider Identifier (NPI) on electronic Pharmacy claims, as mandated by HIPAA requirements. Please consider the following guidelines when applying for and using your NPI.

BEFORE May 29, 2007:

Continue to use your current Medicaid Provider ID and the prescriber's state license number.

BEGINNING May 29, 2007:

For Provider ID

- The most straightforward way to do business with Idaho Medicaid is to **APPLY FOR ONE NPI FOR EACH CURRENT MEDICAID PROVIDER ID**. Each current Medicaid Provider ID is associated with one distinct pharmacy location. Beginning May 29, 2007 when an electronic pharmacy claim contains an NPI, a crosswalk will be performed to retrieve the Medicaid Provider ID that is associated with that NPI. If that NPI maps to a single Medicaid Provider ID, then that Medicaid Provider ID will be used to process the claim. If the NPI maps to multiple Medicaid Provider IDs there is no way to select the correct Medicaid ID for processing the claim because the NCPDP transaction¹ contains no data to identify the pharmacy location.
- For pharmacies that submit durable medical equipment (DME) claims as well as drug claims, it may be helpful to know that federal regulations require Medicare DME suppliers to obtain an NPI for every practice location, regardless of how claims are submitted. The only exceptions are sole proprietors.² This same NPI can also be used to submit drug claims to Idaho Medicaid. Since the DME supply and drug claims are two different transaction types, the reporting would be separate.

For Prescriber ID

- The prescriber's state license number, OR an NPI, will be accepted in the Prescriber ID field, because not all prescribers are required to have an NPI. The correct qualifier must be submitted to identify the number as either a State License number or an NPI.

Before an NPI can be successfully submitted on a drug claim the NPI must be registered with Idaho Medicaid. A self-service website has been developed for you to register your NPI at: **<https://npi.dhw.idaho.gov>**.

¹ The National Council of Prescription Drug Claims (NCPDP) v5.1 electronic format is the HIPAA standard for prescription drugs supplied by retail pharmacies.

² Refer to the following link. <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/Downloads/Medsubparts01252006.pdf>

Registration letters were mailed on March 28, 2007, addressed to the "pay to" address. A separate letter was sent for each existing Medicaid Provider ID. These letters contain a unique confirmation number (different for each Idaho Medicaid provider number) which is needed to register the NPI and link it to a current Medicaid provider number. It is important to retain these letters as this confirmation code will be required to make any future changes.

If you are unable to find answers to your questions on the website, please call your Regional Provider Relations Consultant (PRC), or the NPI Registration Help Desk (866) 909-4148.